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Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Previously presented) A method of interfacing with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:  
3 receiving a non-object oriented management information database  
4 (MIB) at a compiler of a network device, the non-object oriented MIB  
5 including information related to one or more aspects of the network  
6 device;  
7 extracting a subset of information from the non-object oriented  
8 MIB describing at least one aspect of the network device; and  
9 producing an object-oriented interface, for use by an object-  
10 oriented application to access the subset of information in the non-object  
11 oriented MIB, by generating a set of object-oriented classes and object-  
12 oriented methods corresponding to the subset of information in the non-  
13 object oriented MIB.
- 1 2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein information in the  
2 non-object oriented MIB corresponds to a set of network parameters  
3 organized in a hierarchy and used to describe aspects of the network  
4 device.
- 1 3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:  
2 extracting information from the non-object oriented MIB further  
3 includes lexically recognizing a set of tokens corresponding to a set of  
4 network parameters that describes aspects of the network device and  
5 parsing the tokens according to a hierarchical relationship between the  
6 set of parameters; and  
7 generating a set of object-oriented classes and object-oriented  
8 methods includes generating a set of object-oriented classes and object-

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9 oriented methods corresponding to the lexically recognized and parsed  
10 tokens.

1 4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a relationship  
2 among the object-oriented classes is a hierarchy that corresponds to the  
3 non-object oriented MIB.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the methods generated include  
2 methods capable of accessing and manipulating objects instantiated  
3 from at least one of the object-oriented classes.

1 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the methods  
2 include one or more of the operations used to operate on the non-object  
3 oriented MIB.

1 7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the operations  
2 used to operate on the non-object oriented MIB are selected from a group  
3 of operations including get, set, and test of SNMP (simple network  
4 management protocol) variables.

1 8. (Previously presented) A method of interfacing with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:  
3 providing a non-object oriented management information database  
4 (MIB) including information related to one or more aspects of a network  
5 device; and

6 using a set of object-oriented classes and object-oriented methods  
7 to access the non-object oriented MIB and the information related to one  
8 or more aspects of the network device.

1 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein information in the  
2 non-object oriented MIB corresponds to a set of network parameters

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3 organized in a hierarchy and capable of describing aspects of the network  
4 device.

1 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the relationship  
2 among the object-oriented classes is a hierarchy that corresponds to the  
3 non-object oriented MIB.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the object-oriented methods  
2 are capable of accessing and manipulating objects instantiated from at  
3 least one of the object-oriented classes.

1 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the object-  
2 oriented methods correspond to one or more of the operations used to  
3 operate on the non-object oriented MIB.

1 13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more  
2 operations used to operate on the non-object oriented MIB are selected  
3 from a group of operations including get, set, and test of SNMP (simple  
4 network management protocol) variables.

1 14. (Previously presented) An apparatus to interface with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:  
3 a receiver module configured to receive a non-object oriented  
4 management information database (MIB) including information related to  
5 one or more aspects of the network device;  
6 an extraction module configured to extract a subset of information  
7 from the non-object oriented MIB describing at least one aspect of the  
8 network device; and  
9 a generation module configured to produce an object-oriented  
10 interface, for use by an object-oriented application to access the subset  
11 of information in the non-object oriented MIB, by generating a set of

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12 object-oriented classes and object-oriented methods corresponding to the  
13 subset of information in the non-object oriented MIB.

1 15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein information in  
2 the non-object oriented MIB corresponds to a set of network parameters  
3 organized in a hierarchy and used to describe the network device.

1 16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein:  
2 the extraction module extracts information from the non-object  
3 oriented MIB by lexically recognizing a set of tokens corresponding to a  
4 set of network parameters describing the device and parsing the tokens  
5 according to a hierarchical relationship between the set of parameters;  
6 and  
7 the generation module generates a set of object-oriented classes  
8 and object-oriented methods according to the lexically recognized and  
9 parsed tokens.

1 17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the  
2 relationship among the object-oriented classes is a hierarchy that  
3 corresponds to the non-object oriented MIB.

1 18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the object-oriented  
2 methods generated include object-oriented methods capable of accessing  
3 and manipulating objects instantiated from at least one of the object-  
4 oriented classes.

1 19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the object-  
2 oriented methods include one or more of the operations used to operate  
3 on the non-object oriented MIB.

- 1 20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the  
2 operations used to operate on the non-object oriented MIB are selected  
3 from a group of operations including get, set, and test of SNMP (simple  
4 network management protocol) variables.
- 1 21. (Previously presented) An apparatus for interfacing with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:  
3 a first storage area configured to store a non-object oriented  
4 management information base (MIB) including information related to one  
5 or more aspects of a network device; and  
6 a second storage area configured to store a set of object-oriented  
7 classes and object-oriented methods that is used to access the non-  
8 object oriented MIB and the information related to one or more aspects of  
9 the network device.
- 1 22. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a computer-readable  
2 storage medium tangibly embodying a program instructions for creating  
3 an interface to obtain network management information, the program  
4 instructions including instructions operable to cause a processor to:  
5 receive a non-object oriented management information database  
6 (MIB) including information related to one or more aspects of a network  
7 device;  
8 extract a subset of information from the non-object oriented MIB  
9 describing at least one aspect of the network device; and  
10 produce an object-oriented interface, for use by an object-oriented  
11 application to access the subset of information in the non-object oriented  
12 MIB, by generating a set of object-oriented classes and object-oriented  
13 methods corresponding to the subset of information in the non-object  
14 oriented MIB.

1 23. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a computer-readable  
2 storage medium tangibly embodying program instructions for creating an  
3 interface to obtain network management information, the program  
4 instructions including instructions operable to cause a processor to:

5 provide a non-object oriented management information base (MIB)  
6 including information related to one or more aspects of a network device;  
7 and

8 use a set of object-oriented classes and object-oriented methods to  
9 access the non-object oriented MIB and the information related to one or  
10 more aspects of the network device.

1 24. (Previously presented) An apparatus for interfacing with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:

3 means for receiving a non-object oriented management information  
4 database (MIB) including information related to one or more aspects or a  
5 network device;

6 means for extracting a subset of information from the non-object  
7 oriented MIB describing at least on aspect of the network device; and

8 means for producing an object-oriented interface, for use by an  
9 object-oriented application to access the subset of information in the  
10 non-object oriented MIB, by generating a set of object-oriented classes  
11 and object-oriented methods corresponding to the subset of information  
12 in the non-object oriented MIB.

1 25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Previously presented) A method of interfacing with network  
2 management information on a network device, comprising:

3 adding a new network device to a network of one or more network  
4 devices, the new network device and each of the one or more network

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5 devices having one or more network management parameters stored in a  
6 non-object oriented management information database (MIB);  
7 distributing an object-oriented network management application to  
8 the new network device from the one or more network devices, the object-  
9 oriented network management application operable to generate an  
10 object-oriented request for one or more network parameters stored in a  
11 non-object oriented MIB;  
12 determining that the network management application is  
13 requesting one or more network parameters stored locally in the non-  
14 object oriented MIB of the new network device;  
15 creating a native variable interface, the native variable interface  
16 being an object-oriented application interface that provides direct access  
17 to the one or more network parameters stored locally using object-  
18 oriented classes and methods; and  
19 accessing the one or more network parameters stored locally  
20 through the native variable interface.

1 27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the step of  
2 creating a native variable interface includes initially accessing indirectly  
3 one or more network parameters stored locally that describe features of  
4 the new network device using a loopback address of the new network  
5 device, including sending an simple network management protocol  
6 (SNMP) protocol data unit (PDU) to the loopback address of the new  
7 network device, the SNMP PDU to retrieve the one or more network  
8 parameters stored locally that describe features of the new network  
9 device, and using the features of the new network device to customize the  
10 native variable interface.

- 1 28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of  
2 sending an SNMP PDU to the new type of network device includes using  
3 an SNMP stack associated with the new network device.
- 1 29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of  
2 accessing indirectly one or more network parameters stored locally that  
3 describe features of the new network device includes generating an  
4 object-oriented method call for the one or more network parameters  
5 stored locally that describe features of the new network device, and  
6 converting the object-oriented method call into the SNMP PDU.
- 1 30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the SNMP PDU  
2 includes one or more SNMP operations selected from the group of get, set  
3 and test.